

**Evergreen Fire District
Board of Trustees
Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Regular Board Meeting of November 4th, 2019 – 6:00 pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Verworn calls meeting to order at 6:07pm

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Verworn
DePaul
Brockman
Fallon

ABSENT:

Nace

RECOGNIZE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Marshall Covington	James Boyce
Jared Pitcher	Josh Cox
Kay Pitcher	Dave Adams

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*At this time, public may comment on any public matter that is not on the Agenda of the Meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the District.
(none)*

FINANCIALS:

Discuss and Approve September 2019 Financials
(not available for this meeting)

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. September 2019 Call Volume

- A) Comparison Incident Count by Weekday/Hour (all zones) for September 2018 & 2019
- B) Comparison Incident Count per zone for September 2018 & 2019
- C) Comparison Incident Statistics for September 2018 & 2019

Covington states there were 271 calls in September which is 36% higher than this time last year which was 199 calls. Inter-facility transports accounted for 122 of the calls; 97 calls within the District and 82 within the City of Kalispell; 12 responses to Creston.

Covington states that a crew was sent to assist with fighting the wild fires in California with a type 6 engine.

A statement was prepared and distributed around the department in case there were any questions from the public regarding apparatus and personnel coverage for the District during the crews absence.

Covington states that the crew was 'de-mobed' and would be back in District Thursday (November 7th) night if they are not assigned to a different fire. They had been gone since October 29th. Covington states that it is a possibility that they would be called down to California again and reminds Trustees that it wasn't until mid-December personnel were called last year and were gone over 2 weeks. He also reminds the Board that the District pays personnel but the money is recouped when the District received payment. Fallon asks if there is information on the dollar value the District is billing with North Valley compared to KRMC. He is told that there isn't complete data yet. Verworn states that there is a plan to bridge the District's paramedics into Critical Care level. He explains that the program is already in place and is primarily a review and would probably take only a weekend training for endorsements and will allow Evergreen paramedics the ability to transport every level of care. He adds there is also a plan to implement the class for state/national endorsements.

PAST ITEMS/UPDATES:

1. District Personnel Insurance Update

Covington states that all personnel have decided on a plan based on the 4 options that were given through

StarMark and there are now issues with HRA and HSA accounts. It is agreed that there is research that needs to be done. Fallon states he will speak with Tamara at the County on how they are dealing with having both HRA and HSA accounts as well as possibly speaking with an insurance attorney. A special board meeting will be scheduled so that all information can be shared; critical questions answered and decisions made.

2. Type I Engine Update

Boyce tells the Board that trips have been made to Spokane, WA and Missoula. Cox and Boyce spent a lot of time speaking with mechanics of City of Missoula Fire and looking at their apparatus primarily because they have an engine very similar to what Evergreen is in need of. Boyce states they have drafted an engine based on the specs needed for Evergreen District which includes the need for a 5 seat engine, 1,500 gallon pump and enough space to carry fire equipment; seasonal and specialized as well as the needed cribbing. He states that the 'puc' pump system is preferred because it creates the needed space and is primarily a Pierce engine. DePaul asks if specs include looking 20 years ahead and Boyce states that having the engine last 20 years is priority and is the main reason for the 'extras' like the hardtop cover over the hose bed and pump panel. Warranty service for a Pierce would be out of Missoula and both Missoula Fire mechanics stated only cosmetic issues; no serious mechanical issues. Body of the spected truck would come with a 10 year warranty; 6 year parts warranty and 1 year labor warranty on the pump; lifetime warranty on the tank; 5 year warranty on the transmission (L9 Cummins); 3 year warranty on chassis; 5 year on electronics; 5 year on paint; 10 year structure; 50 year warranty on the frame. The engine has a build time of 7 – 10 months. Fallon voices concern over the replacement schedule of other apparatus. Covington states he doesn't believe the cost the engine will affect the replacement schedule. DePaul states he supports the District spending more than the \$500,000 that was initially 'guesstimated' for a new engine because it will save money in the long run if the service warranties are adequate. DePaul asks to see written information regarding Pierce's in-house leasing program for the next Board meeting. Covington states that several thousand will be deducted from the quote because District personnel would go inspect and then get the truck from Wisconsin. Covington states he would research financing companies that provide very low interest rates for fire departments such as an intercap loan. Verworn asks that any information be forwarded to Trustees via email prior to the next meeting on December 2, 2019.

Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of October 7th, 2019

Motion; DePaul to approve meeting minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 7th, 2019

Second; Brockman

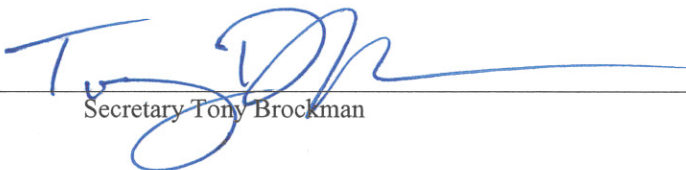
Vote; motion passes unanimously

Adjourn at 7:51 pm.

The President of the Board of Trustees, as presiding officer of any meeting of the Board of Trustees, may close the meeting during the time the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy; and, then, if, and only if, the presiding officer determines that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The right of individual privacy may be waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains; and, in that event, the meeting must be open.



Chairman Brodie Verworn or Vice Chair Randy DePaul



Secretary Tony Brockman